GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4100
ANSWERED ON:22.04.2008
MILITANCY IN NORTH EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed and injured by the militants in Assam and other States in the North Eastern Region during 2001−2008 so far;

(b) whether any hidden foreign hand has been identified behind the continuing militancy and terrorist attacks in the North Eastern Region;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons attributed for the same; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check such activities in North Eastern Region?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QAUESTION NO. 4100 FOR 22.4.2008 REGARDING MILITANCY IN NORTH EASTERS REGION.

(a): Details of violent incidents and causalities by militant outfits as also militants killed/arrested/surrendered in the North Eastern States including Assam during the year 2001-2008 (upto 31.3.2008) are annexed.

(b) to (d): There are no confirmed reports to suggest involvement of any hidden foreign hand behind the continuing militancy and terrorist attacks in the North Eastern Region.However,there are reports that some insurgent groups from the North Eastern region have links with Pakistan ISI and certain other fundamentalist/terrorist organizations from neighbouring countries such as Bangladesh based HUJi.Available inputs also indicate that some Indian insurgent Groups (IIGs), active in the North Eastern region, have been using the territory of Bangladesh and Myanmar.

(e): The Government has regularly taken up with Bangladeshi and Myanmar various security related matters including misuse of Bangladesh and Myanmar territory for activities inimical to India at different levels through diplomatic channels and institutional mechanisms existing between the two countries. In addition, efforts of the State Governments, who are primari9ly responsible for ensuring public order and security in there areas, are being supplemented by the Central Govt. through various measures such as deployment of additional Central Security Forces including Army; sharing of intelligence; financial assistance for strengthening of the local Police Forces and Intelligence Agencies under the Police Modernisation Scheme; provision of assistance for strengthening various aspects o9f security apparatus and other aspects of anti-militancy operations by way of reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure; raising of additional forces in the form of India Reserve Battalions; etc.